

Substance Abuse Treatment Specialist (Mainecare Liaison)

Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Maine Department of Health and Human Services

The Treatment Specialist goal is to support Mainecare funded community based substance abuse prevention, intervention and treatment services in Maine. Emphasis is placed on rapid access to Substance Abuse Treatment Services. And to ensure Evidence Based Practices are being utilized.

In State Fiscal Year 2013, 11,767 individuals were provided Substance Abuse Treatment Services in Maine.

Monthly average number of Mainer's waiting for treatment services was 201.

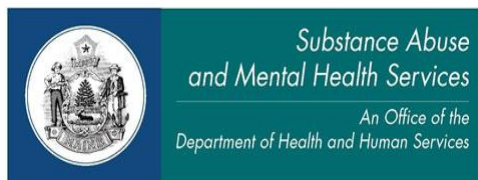
At discharge from treatment:

70.9 percent were abstinent from use.

82.5 percent were living independently.

38 percent were employed.

47.2 percent were attending self-help or involved in recovery social supports.



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The Office of Substance Abuse Treatment Team is responsible for assisting service providers with the coordination, planning, and implementation of alcohol and drug abuse programs.

The role of the Treatment Specialist (Mainecare Liaison) is to provide oversight and technical assistance to Mainecare funded treatment providers, as well as provide support for evidenced based and best practices by providers.

Program Goals:

- To increase access to and retention in treatment
- To increase public and provider awareness of issues related to substance abuse
- To provide technical assistance and training
- To collaborate with statewide programs dealing with Mainecare and treatment issues.
- To provide direct and indirect support for program development, content and best practice resources for treatment programs.

Program Activities:

- Assess and monitor contracts with agencies to ensure that Evidence Based Practices are being utilized.
- Ensure contractual requirements are met
- Assess and monitor data provided by agencies through our Treatment Data System to ensure access and retention measures are met
- Routinely perform site visits at treatment agencies to provide technical assistance and support.
- Involvement in a wide range of committees concerned with Substance abuse, coexisting disorders of substance abuse and Mental illness and treatment systems.

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